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The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Fedorchak and Kroshus.

**Minutes** 

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of June 16, 2017 be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-189
Hess North Dakota Export Logistics
LLC
12-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline –
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Hess North Dakota Export Logistics LLC's Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed June 15, 2017 in Hess North Dakota Export Logistics LLC, 12-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-189.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-243
Denbury Onshore, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

WITHDRAWN

Case No. PU-16-244 Denbury Onshore, LLC

Damage Prevention Enforcement

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Case No. PU-16-245

Denbury Onshore, LLC

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Case No. PU-16-246 Denbury Onshore, LLC

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Case No. PU-16-249

Denbury Onshore, LLC

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Case No. PU-16-250

Denbury Onshore, LLC

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Case No. PU-16-251

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Case No. PU-16-252 Denbury Onshore, LLC Damage Prevention Enforcement **WITHDRAWN** 

Case No. PU-16-253 Denbury Onshore, LLC Damage Prevention Enforcement **WITHDRAWN** 

Case No. PU-16-254 Denbury Onshore, LLC Damage Prevention Enforcement **WITHDRAWN** 

Case No. RC-17-78 Coteau Properties Company Revision No. 33 to Permit NACT-9101 Approval Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Revision No. 33 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-9101, held by The Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to identify the next five-year coal removal areas and to update mining and reclamation plans for the next permit term. This revision also adds approximately 478 acres of land currently in Permit NACT-9001 to the permit and converts the permit to an electronic format.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-17-79 Coteau Properties Company Renewal No. 5 for Permit NACT-9101 Approval Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Renewal No. 5 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-9101, held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine, to extend the permit term another five years, until June 30, 2022.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-237 Direct Grain, Inc. License No. 1150 - Wyndmere, ND Suspension Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue the Order Lifting Suspension and Reinstating Warehouse License in Direct Grain, Inc., License No. 1150 – Wyndmere, ND, Suspension, Case No. GE-17-237.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-102 Northern States Power Company 230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry & Ward Counties Siting Application Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem the applications complete and issue a Notice of Filings and Public Hearing in Northern States Power Company, 230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry & Ward Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-102.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-08-932
EDF Renewable Development, Inc.
Merricourt Wind Power Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-17-140
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Astoria Project
Application

Case No. PU-17-141
Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence –
Merricourt Project
Application

Case No. PU-17-143
Otter Tail Power Company
150 MW - Merricourt Project
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-17-186 Northern States Power Company 2016 Electric Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-245 Northern States Power Company 2016 Power Purchase Agreement Costs Compliance

Case No. AM-17-83 2017 Columbus Phase 16 AML Project Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission acknowledge cancellation of the June 28, 2017 public hearing due to a publication error in EDF Renewable Development, Inc., Merricourt Wind Power Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-08-932.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute a contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services in Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence – Astoria Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-140, Otter Tail Power Company, Advance Prudence – Merricourt Project, Application, Case No. PU-17-141, and Otter Tail Power Company, 150 MW – Merricourt Project, Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-17-143.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission close Northern States Power Company, 2016 Electric, Annual Report, Case No. PU-17-186.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, 2016 Power Purchase Agreement Costs, Compliance, Case No. PU-17-245.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Ave."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Daniel Anderson effective June 21, 2017 to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Public Service Commission, 2017 Columbus Phase 16 AML Project, Project, Case No. AM-17-83.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:08 A.M.

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